

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (ORIGINAL), (CURRENTLY AMENDED), (CANCELLED), (WITHDRAWN), (NEW), (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED), or (NOT ENTERED).

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A contents conversion method in a contents conversion server, which is connected to a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving, from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent that said ~~access destination information represents~~ contents information in a one of said plurality of said contents providing servers ~~server which is different from said contents conversion server as an~~ access destination, acquiring contents information represented in said access destination information from said one of said plurality of said contents providing server servers;

by converting said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal, and by further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, generating converted contents information; and

transmitting the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

2. (ORIGINAL) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step of~~, if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent ~~that said access destination information represents only said contents conversion server as an~~ access destination, transmitting information including link information ~~for causing to access via~~

said contents conversion server to other registered contents providing servers.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~steps of~~:

if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent that said ~~access destination information represents only~~ said contents conversion server as an access destination and a search condition for registered contents providing servers is received, searching registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition; and

transmitting information including link information for causing to access via said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said generating ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ reconstructing tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program embodied on a medium for causing a contents conversion server, which is connected to a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, to convert contents, said program comprising the steps of:

receiving from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent that said ~~access destination information represents contents information in a~~ one of said plurality of said contents providing servers ~~server which is different from said contents conversion server as an~~ access destination, acquiring contents information represented in said access destination information from said one of the plurality of said contents providing server servers;

by converting said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source

in said certain user terminal, and by further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, generating converted contents information; and
transmitting the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

8. (ORIGINAL) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 7, further comprising ~~a step of~~, if it said access destination information is interpreted ~~that said access destination information to represent~~ represents only said contents conversion server as an access destination, transmitting information including link information ~~for causing to access via~~ said contents conversion server to other registered contents providing servers.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 7, further comprising ~~steps of~~:
if it said access destination information is interpreted ~~that said access destination information to represent~~ represents only said contents conversion server as an access destination and a search condition for registered contents providing servers is received, searching registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition; and
transmitting information including link information ~~for causing to access via~~ said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 7, wherein said generating ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ reconstructing tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A contents conversion server, which communicates

with a plurality of user terminals and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network,
comprising:

a unit that receives ~~means for receiving~~ from a certain user terminal of said plurality of user terminals, access destination information and information concerning a type of said certain user terminal or an access requesting source in said certain user terminal;

a unit that acquires ~~means for acquiring~~ contents information represented in said access destination information from ~~a server~~ one of said plurality of said contents providing servers as an access destination, ~~which is different from said contents conversion server~~, if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent ~~that said access destination information represents~~ contents information in said ~~server~~ one of the plurality of said contents providing servers;

a converter that converts ~~means for converting~~ said contents information of an arbitrary format, based on said information concerning said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal, and further converting link information included in said contents information in accordance with a predetermined rule if said contents information includes said link information, to generate converted contents information; and

a unit that transmits ~~means for transmitting~~ the converted contents information to said certain user terminal.

14. (ORIGINAL) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said predetermined rule is a rule to convert an original link destination into a format in which said contents conversion server is set as an access destination and information concerning said original link destination is included.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, further comprising a unit that transmits ~~means for transmitting~~ information including link information ~~for causing to access via said contents conversion server to other registered~~ contents providing servers if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent ~~that said access destination information represents~~ only said contents conversion server as an access destination.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, further comprising:

a unit that searches ~~means for searching~~ registered contents providing servers

matching with a search condition if said access destination information it is interpreted to represent ~~that said access destination information represents~~ only said contents conversion server as an access destination and said search condition for registered contents providing servers is received; and

a unit that transmits ~~means for transmitting~~ information including link information for causing to access via said contents conversion server to said registered contents providing servers matching with said search condition.

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said type of said access requesting source in said certain user terminal is a browser type.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The contents conversion server as set forth in claim 13, wherein said converter ~~means for converting~~ comprises a unit that reconstructs ~~means for reconstructing~~ tags in an arbitrary markup language to tags in a markup language corresponding to said type of said certain user terminal or said access requesting source in said certain user terminal.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A converted contents acquiring method executed by a user terminal, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

transmitting at least one part of a uniform resource locator of a contents information provider and information concerning a type of a the user terminal or ~~an~~ access requesting source in said user terminal to a contents conversion server, which is connected to said user terminal and a plurality of contents providing servers through a network, to acquire contents information of an arbitrary format corresponding to a different type from said type of a the user terminal or said access requesting source in said user terminal; and

receiving and displaying on a display device, contents information from said contents conversion server, wherein a conversion corresponding to said type of said user terminal or said access requesting source of said user terminal is performed for said contents information and ~~if link information is included in said contents information, said link information in~~ said contents information is converted in accordance with a predetermined rule.